Interview Summary

Application No. 09/922,221	Applicant(s) Evans	
Examiner Arun Chakrabarti	Art Unit 1634	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) _Arun Chakrabarti_

(2) _Astrid Spain_

(3) _David Gay_

(4) _____

Date of Interview _____ _May 1, 2003_

Type: a)☒ Telephonic   b)☐ Video Conference

    c)☐ Personal [copy is given to   1)☐ applicant   2)☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes   e)☒ No. If yes, brief description:

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Claim(s) discussed: _All_

Identification of prior art discussed:
All

Agreement with respect to the claims   f)☒ was reached.   g)☐ was not reached.   h)☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

112, 2nd rejection will be withdrawn. 102(a) over Sharon also will be withrawn (WO 98/38296). 102(b) over Beattie is withdrawn with regard to claims 19-23. With regard to claims 1-11, 14-18, Applicants arguement that the cited reference by Beattie does not teach " the sequential addition of a next-most terminal double-stranded oligonucleotide" will be considered favorably. Further consideration is necessary to address this issue. 103(a) rejections will be withdrawn if Beattie reference is withdrawn from the rejection.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

   i)☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

EXHIBIT A

Examiner's signature, if required